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"Cod War" talks to resume

BRISTOL, Feb. 3 (AFP). — Britain today accepted the Icelandic proposal for resumption of negotiations on the two countries' fishing dispute. The crucial talks there will be held in London. Iceland had earlier turned down British proposals aimed at settling the long-running cod fishery in the North Atlantic. The British government said it would accept the 200-mile limit. The Icelandic government said it would accept the 200-mile limit. The British government said it would accept the 200-mile limit. The Icelandic government said it would accept the 200-mile limit.

Rabin faces no-confidence vote in Parliament

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (AFP). — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin faces an opposition motion of no confidence in the Knesset (parliament) when he returns home from his present visit to the United States. The Knesset debate is expected to be preceded by lively discussion in the cabinet, particularly between the Prime Minister and Mr. Peres, who is said to have taken the criticism personally.

German Cabinet to clear the way for reactivation of parliament

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U.N. mediator expected on scene

Intense diplomatic efforts continue for settling West Sahara dispute

CAIRO, Feb. 3, (Agencies). — President Anwar Sadat today telephoned King Hassan of Morocco and President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria as Egypt intensified its efforts to defuse the Saharan dispute, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. The semi-official agency said some progress was achieved today in the mediation process. Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak was holding intensive talks in Algiers with President Boumedienne when the Egyptian leader telephoned, MENA said.

Jordan demands special EEC terms

BRUSSELS, Feb. 3 (R). — Jordan today demanded financial aid and special terms for buying food as part of a proposed trade deal with the European Common Market — the first between the community and Amman, EEC officials said. They said Jordanian Ambassador Nijmeddin Dajani told the EEC's executive commission that financial support was vital to offset Jordan's heavy trading deficit with the nine-nation community. The community has offered easier access to EEC markets for Jordanian exports of agricultural and industrial goods. The trade offer also includes technical and industrial — though not financial — assistance. But the officials said financial help was not rule out at a first round of negotiations which began at EEC headquarters here yesterday. Egypt made the same demand last week in talks with the commission on a similar trade offer, which is part of community efforts to forge closer links with Middle Eastern and Mediterranean nations. Mr. Dajani, echoing the wishes of his Egyptian colleagues, said Jordan also wanted long-term contracts for buying food from the EEC at prices fixed in advance, the officials added.

Frenchmen hold children hostage to negotiate independence of Afars & Issas

PARIS, Feb. 3, (Agencies). — The French government is reported to be in close touch with Somali officials over the matter since the FLCS is based in the Somali capital Mogadishu. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is said to be following very closely the evolution of the situation and Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues had a meeting this morning here with the Somali Ambassador, Mr. Samantar. French and Somali officials negotiated in burning sun all afternoon today in a so far vain bid to secure the release of the children. By nightfall, no progress had been reported in the negotiations. (Continued on back page)

5 killed in mysterious Lebanese shooting incident

BEIRUT, Feb. 3, (Agencies). — Five people were killed today in a clash between Phalangists and unidentified gunmen in the coastal town of Jounieh, 15 kilometers north of Beirut. Lebanese Minister of the Interior Camille Chamoun said the dead were two Phalangists and three others, unidentified. No details were known on the incident but some sources said the unidentified gunmen were members of an extremist Christian group. Sources close to the police, meanwhile, said that four bodies have been found during the day in Jounieh. In another development Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam, the architect of the Lebanese ceasefire, was quoted today as saying regular Palestinian troops will return to their Syrian bases once calm is restored here. In an interview with the Lebanese weekly Al-Jumhour he declared "There is not and there will not be a single Syrian soldier on Lebanese territory." Some right wing leaders have alleged that Syrian officers entered Lebanon with the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) troops who came here last month. The January 22 ceasefire accord, which Mr Khaddam engineered, provided for PLA units to police West Beirut and the captured town of Damour. Mr Khaddam told Al-Jumhour that the PLA troops came here by decision of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Damour is the first place of any size on the coastal highway from Beirut southwards to Sidon, and if its Christian inhabitants do not return the whole region will become largely Moslem. Political leaders of every persuasion proclaim publicly they are opposed to partition, but Interior Minister Camille Chamoun said in an interview with the French daily Le Monde last month that if fighting broke out again there would be no other solution. (Continued on back page)

Egypt will build Mirage jet fighters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, (AFP). — Egypt will build between 300 and 400 French Mirage F1 combat planes under licence from France, American intelligence sources disclosed here. They also said the Egyptians would modify several hundred of their Soviet-built tanks to accept western spares and ammunition. France granted Egypt a concession within the past few months to build the Mirages, which were destined for the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian air forces as well as those of several other Arab oil-producing countries, according to the sources. As regards the tanks, negotiations were in progress between Egypt and Italy to replace the Soviet-made 115 MM cannon on T62 tanks with a 105 MM version to take standard North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ammunition they said. The conversion work would be carried out in Italy. The sources added that separate talks were under way with Britain to modify the ahmat and engines of Egyptian T54 and T55 tanks. (Continued on back page)

Italy's lira crisis worst since World War Two

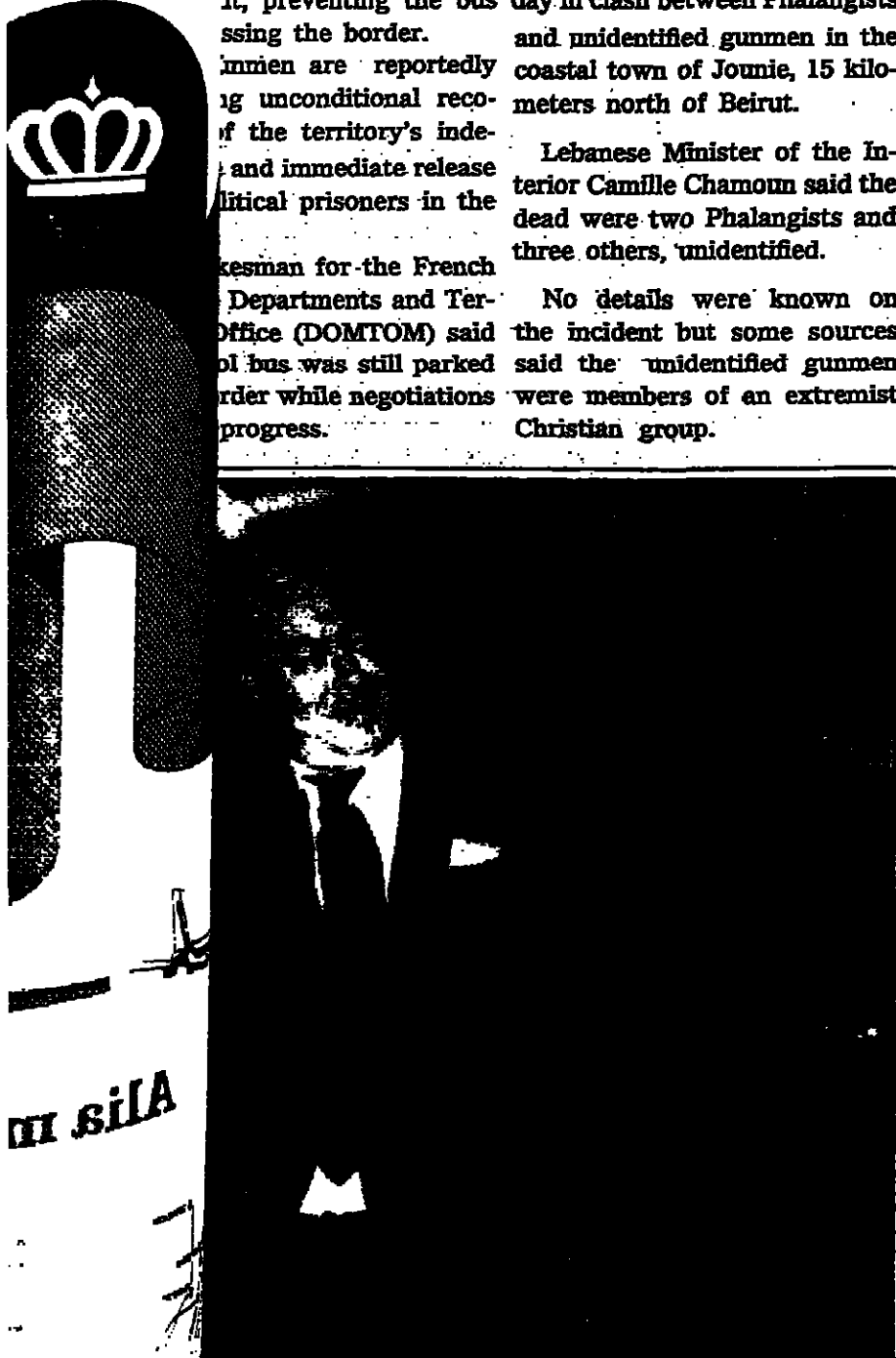
ROME, Feb. 3, (R). — Italian Treasury Minister Emilio Colombo said today that Italy's economic crisis was possibly the worst since World War Two and called for harsh countermeasures. "The moment we are going through is perhaps the most difficult of the ones that have characterised the Italian economy from the War to today," he told Chamber of Deputies' (lower house) Budget and Finance Committees. He said "extremely harsh measures" were required to defend the lira against a wave of speculation that has sliced more than 10 per cent of the currency's value in two weeks. These could be "extremely difficult to bear," he said. Signor Colombo did not give any indication of what the measures could be. He immediately came under fire from the Communist Party which attacked his statement as a "declaration of impotence." Prime Minister designate Aldo Moro is working on an emergency plan to defend the lira and also act as the basis for the formation of a new government.



FIGHTING AND FESTIVITY. — East German news sources reported this scene in Angola's FNL city of Uíge, after it was captured by the rival MPLA. (AP wirephoto).

Kissinger Warns: No More Angolas

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Feb. 3, (AFP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned that Angola sets no precedent and that this type of action will not be tolerated again. In a speech to the Foreign Affairs Council of Northern California, Mr Kissinger went on to say that the U.S. "must reassure adjacent countries that they will not be left exposed to attack or pressure from the new Soviet-Cuban foothold." The Secretary of State's re-



HAN MOVES OUT. — The fiery, now ex-Ambassador United States to the U.N. Daniel Moynihan found the atmosphere within. He expects to resume his teaching in the near future. (AP wirephoto).



Some parting words

The resignation of the American U.N. Ambassador Mr. Moynihan is not totally regretted, though neither is it profusely applauded. There are two aspects of the event that deserve comment: the man's style, and his nation's substantive policy statements at the United Nations.

As for Mr. Moynihan's style, it is in the same category as Henry Kissinger's ties — a fresh breeze, a new look, a snappy style, but all of them in the realm of the purely inconsequential. If the American public loved Mr. Moynihan's performances at the United Nations, that is none of our business, and we are happy for the brief honeymoon that apparently flourished between Mr. Moynihan and his people.

As for the substance of his statements, however, we have a few parting words for the man, as well as for his boss Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Moynihan came to the United Nations fired by the confrontatory spirit that he so dramatically denounced in the Third World. He came to the U.N. to put the rest of the world in its place. It was a policy that was initiated by his predecessor, Mr. Scali, who complained about things like "the tyranny of the majority."

The best reply to these things — these things being the heart of the new American posture at the United Nations — comes from none other than the U.N. Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim. He has repeatedly told anyone who would listen that the U.N. is nothing more than a mirror of the world. If the U.N. seems imperfect to some people, it is because the world is imperfect. If Mr. Moynihan was upset by the recurring anti-American and anti-Israel majority votes in the U.N., it is worth Mr. Moynihan's time to think about the meaning of these votes.

The anti-American and anti-Israeli votes are not the work of a hostile group of nations who get pleasure out of ringing up procedural victories on the General Assembly electronic scoreboard. The General Assembly is a forum of the sovereign nations of the world, and the United Nations is a forum, if an imperfect one, where these nations can take a public stand on issues of international concern. If there is an "automatic" majority of states that disagree with U.S. policies, this is a mirror of the world. Mr. Moynihan and his employers should note that if they don't like the look of things at the U.N., they should not start talking about the lack of democracies in the world, but should rather take a closer look at their own policies and find out what exactly they contain that is no repugnant to the other nations of the globe.

We do not totally mourn Mr. Moynihan's departure because his antics may have helped everybody take a fresh look at the United Nations, and that can only help us all if it does nothing more than make us appreciate the mirror character of the organization.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

"Tomorrow's meeting at the Royal Hashemite Court for the cabinet, members of the parliament and high ranking officials, reflects the necessity and need to fill the constitutional vacuum which might be created at this critical stage of our history," Al-Rai said on Tuesday.

"The meeting comes at a critical stage of the Arab's history and will fulfill the local wishes and the national aspirations," the paper said.

Al-Rai said "tomorrow's meeting will not be a retreat or a bypass over of Arab or international resolutions."

"The meeting," the paper said, "will be dedicated to bolster the Arab struggle and will give it more flexible channels for manoeuvring in the political arena for the service of the cause of destiny."

The meeting tomorrow will outline the framework for the coming political challenge which will be stronger in its push and coercive in its goals," the paper concluded.

Ad Dustour called for more

pressure at the International Human Rights Commission meeting which has resumed its 33rd meeting to discuss the violation of human rights all over the world.

"The Arab efforts should focus on exposing the Zionist movement in its violations of human rights in the occupied Arab territories," the paper said.

The paper added that, "despite the fact that Israel has rejected all previous recommendations by the commission it is hoped at least this time it will be able to internationalise the situation of the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories so world pressure will be put on Israel to at least allow the commission to investigate the deteriorating situation there," the paper said.

The paper concluded by saying that, "the Arabs have to enforce their will and rights which have been usurped for such a long period of time by various occupation forces and imperialist powers."

Israeli treatment of civilians discussed in Red Crescent meet

AMMAN. — The Red Crescent's central general assembly held a meeting Tuesday noon to discuss the situation of the civilian population in the Israeli occupied territories in the light of Israel's continuous violations of human rights in these territories.

"The society," Dr. Ahmad Abu Qura, President of the Red Crescent Society said, had informed the world public opinion about Israel's violations which contradict the resolutions adopted at various Red Cross international conferences such as resolutions passed at Istanbul conference in 1969 and the Teheran conference in 1973 which stressed the necessity for implementation of measures to ensure protection of the civilian population and guarantee the right of refugees to return to their homeland.

"The Red Crescent Society," Dr. Abu Qura concluded, "is currently working towards informing the public on Israel's ways of tortures used against civilians and the necessary effective measures to combat them."

Japanese business team coming soon

A Japanese delegation including 12 representatives of Japanese industrial establishments is due to arrive in Amman on February 11 for a three day visit to Jordan. The delegation will hold talks with representatives of the private and the public sectors on economic cooperation between the two countries.



MESSAGE FROM MAURITANIA. — Mr. Bennir (L) meets with Jordan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sadeq esh-Shara'.

Plans made for garbage collection improvement

AMMAN. — The Assistant-Lord Mayor of Amman Mr. Abdallah es-Su'noub Tuesday returned to Amman from a two-week visit to West Germany where he sought to obtain certain types of vehicles and other necessary equipment for developing methods of collecting and transporting garbage from the city, and also supplying the mechanical department in the municipality with up-to-date equipment for the maintenance of the municipality cars and other vehicles.

Iraqi aviation team goes home

The Iraqi civil aviation delegation which participated in the inauguration ceremony of Amman's Flight Information Region left Tuesday for Baghdad. The delegation during its several day visit to Jordan had held talks with civil aviation authorities on cooperation between the two countries in that field.

Foreign Affairs Minister has several visitors

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Tuesday received in his office the visiting Mauritanian Minister of Human Resources and Islamic Affairs, and the Japanese and Finnish Ambassadors in Amman.

King Hussein receives mes from Mauritanian president

AMMAN. — The Minister of Human Resources and Islamic Affairs in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Mr. Abdallah Bno Bennir Tuesday arrived in Amman with a message to His Majesty King Hussein from the Mauritanian President Mukhtar Ould Daddah.

Mr. Bennir is accompanied by a two-member Islamic delegation, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Mauritanian President's Office and the First Consultant in the Mauritanian Embassy in Cairo.

During their several day stay Mr. Bennir and his companions will meet with a number of senior officials for bolstering Islamic ties between the two countries.

Jordan, Yugoslav air talks planned

A civil aviation delegation is due to leave for Yugoslavia on Sunday to hold talks with the Yugoslavian civil aviation authorities on matters pertaining to consolidating and developing cooperation between the two countries in the field of civil aviation.



SECURITY SCENARIO. — Major Gen. Anwar Mol receives the Syrian security delegates.

1976 Alia Winter Rally won by drivers skill & navigators precision

By Susan Greenfield
Special to the Jordan Times

1.08 a.m. on a cold and foggy early Saturday morning, and a Renault 12 TS swept across the finishing line in Amman for this year's Winter Rally. The two-man crew, driver and navigator, could relax at last after a gruelling two days on the

concentration, they have no chance to enjoy the scenery?

"It's the challenge I enjoy," said Taher, "and the spirit of friendly competition with the other teams. For what is really just a hobby, I find Rally Driving exciting and stimulating."

His navigator, Maruwan, agreed. "It's a battle against time on

and University days, Taher and Maruwan are a compatible team. "There must be complete understanding between driver and navigator, discipline is important and there's no room for argument or loss of temper."

Its not worth it, for the loss of even a few minutes is vital, especially on the constant ave-

ge on the first day, they had some tense moments on a narrow road near Salt. "Meeting an Army bulldozer, a tractor and a jeep was bad enough — but to meet a flock of sheep was almost too much! However we were lucky, and got a little bit ahead in the last quarter of the distance."

Traffic was a consideration on the international highways, and on the narrow detours with bad surfaces Taher had to be careful not to over-drive the car. The longer stretches were tiring — Taher said, "I suffered from a stiff neck and shoulders and sang to keep myself awake."

The second day was gruelling, 918 kilometres with about 8 hours of night driving. They were only minutes ahead when they drove into fog and rain be-

tween Madaba and "We should have been 81 kms/hour but in conditions could only 10 kms, so we had a chance."

Jordan Televisioning a 45 minute year's Winter Rally be shown overseas.

great record of this, of the tensions, fellowship and the team's testing and their skills under conditions. It will also to Taher Taher Shuqem, whose teamwork, skill at navigating and about enthusiasm and brought them the rels in this year's



NEW CHAMPS. — Taher Taher and Marwan Shuqem with their 1976 Alia rally trophies, presented by Col. W. P. Gardiner.

road, and wait for the final calculations which they were confident would bring them victory.

Sure enough they were announced the winners, Taher Taher the driver and Maruwan Shuqem the navigator, are this year's Champion Rally drivers with a sweeping victory of 999 points ahead of the second car.

What makes two men leave the comfort of their Amman homes in the middle of winter and drive 1350 kilometers, in cold weather, over rough roads and all at such a high level of

over 1000 kilometres of rough roads, sometimes in the worst of conditions, but it's a thrilling experience, combining our skills with the engineering of the car."

They were both delighted with the Renault's performance, as not once did they need assistance from their support car. Their Renault 12 is a stock car, with front-wheel drive and the only addition for the Rally was a Twin Master tachometer, for more accurate kilometer measurement.

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Human Rights group calls for Chilean co-operation

NEVA, Feb. 2. (R). — The prisoners themselves. Provisions in the new Chilean decree for people arrested by the security forces to be examined by a doctor on being taken to and removed from an interrogation centre were not sufficient, the ICJ said.

There are already doctors at these centres and suspects are held there until all signs of ill treatment have disappeared," the ICJ added.

The U.N. body last week completed three weeks of meetings here during which it heard evidence from 29 new witnesses.

These included British Dr. Sheila Cassidy, 38, who said she was tortured with electric shocks after being arrested while treating a wounded left-wing guerrilla, and German-born Bishop Helmut Frenz, 38, former head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, who was banned from the country last October.

Tomorrow the 32-state commission will adopt its agenda. Its 23 items include alleged violations by Israel of human rights in Arab territories it occupies in the Middle East; racial discrimination and segregation in South Africa, Namibia and Rhodesia; and the impact of Scientific and technological progress on Human Rights.

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ISLAMIC-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE. — Dr. Mohammed El-Sharif, Libyan Education Minister and head of the Islamic delegation speaks Tuesday at a seminar in Tripoli concerning Islamic-Christian relations. (AP wirephoto).

America fears another dust bowl

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 — (AFP). — Several grain states in the U.S. appear to face major erosion problems comparable to those in the "Dust Bowl" years of the 1930's, the Washington Post reported.

Very dry conditions have been experienced for some weeks in the plains of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado.

Unless there is snow or rain in the coming weeks, late winter and spring winds could carry soil away.

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Nurse charged in Chicago arson case

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PLO to open office in Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 3. (AFP). — The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) is expected to seek permission to open an office here soon and will probably obtain quasi-diplomatic recognition from the Japanese Government, officials said today.

The Foreign Ministry will not give the PLO office diplomatic status, because the PLO does not represent a nation within fixed and recognized boundaries but it is contemplating semi-official recognition through a gesture by Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

The gesture would be an announcement to the press by the Foreign Minister that the PLO was opening a Tokyo office, according to the sources. The

gesture would be followed by an official courtesy call by PLO officials on Vice Foreign Minister Shoji Sato.

Pro-Israeli senators regret Moynihan's resignation

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Ousted Indian governor fears one-party rule

MADRAS, Feb. 2 (R). — Ousted Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister, Muthuvel Karunan Idhi, charged today that India was heading for one-party rule, but denied that he had been supporting secession from the Indian federation.

Afars and Issas capital sealed off

DJIBOUTI, Feb. 2 (AFP). — French troops and gendarmes today sealed off this city, capital of the French territory of Afars and Issas (TFAI), it was announced here.

No one was allowed in or out of the city.

Security forces are to check the identity of people living in the sprawling shanty town of Balbala, outside Djibouti, just beyond the tall barbed wire fence encircling the city on its landward side.

Those in the shanty town without valid residence permits will be sent back to their villages and foreigners in the territory illegally will be taken to the country's borders by lorry and train and expelled.

Only people with valid documents will be allowed to stay in Balbala. Shanty homes made of tin and boxwood will be demolished the authorities said.

Today's clampdown came two weeks after officials said they had broken up a "terrorist network in France's East African possession."

TFAI Prime Minister Ali Aref has claimed there is "collusion" between his government's

main opposition, the African People's Independence League (LPAI) and neighbouring socialist Somalia.

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Mr. Karunan Idhi, the 52-year-old Dravidian Welfare Association (DMK) party leader, told reporters in his first interview since presidential rule was imposed on Tamil Nadu on Saturday that he had urged his supporters to remain quiet because he did not want to expose them "to the iron hand of central government."

In New Delhi today, opposition members walked out of both Indian houses of Parliament in protest at what they called the unwarranted imposition of direct rule from New Delhi in Tamil Nadu state.

A report, published in New Delhi today, said the DMK had received money, shown favouritism in awarding public contracts, and taken bribes for the admission of students to medical colleges.

Madras, capital of the state or 40 million, remained calm New Delhi soon.

Mr. Karunan Idhi responded to the governor's charges by saying that his ministry was ready to face any commission of inquiry into its nine-year rule.

But he said past practice had been for such a commission to be held before a state government was dismissed.

Tamil Nadu was one of only two of India's 22 states — the other being Gujarat in the west — which opposed the imposition of internal emergency by the Congress Party government of Prime Minister Gandhi last June, followed by the arrest of political leaders and press censorship.

In Gujarat, mounting charges that the five-party Peoples' Front government was losing control, added fuel to speculation that Gujarat's administration may also be taken over by

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SS TICKLE. — On a tour of Ghana, Princess Pahlavi (left) of Iran, focused her at and her finger on the cheek of one young orphan in a school near Accra.

Japanese steel industry revives with export gains

TOKYO, Feb. 2 (AFP). — The Japanese steel industry has found the export business turning brighter with a rush of inquiries on large-scale purchases from China and the Soviet Union in addition to recovery in U.S. demand.

The Chinese inquiries are connected with China's plan to buy 1.5 million to two million tons of Japanese steel goods in addition to four million tons already purchased since last April, industrial sources said.

A Japanese steel industry mission led by Yoshihiro Inayama, Nippon Steel Corporation chairman, visited Peking Jan. 18-22.

He is believed to have reached a general agreement with the Chinese trade authorities on the plan.

The Chinese inquiries included \$120 million dollars worth of seamless steel piping for use in oilfields, and \$7 million worth of ordinary steel piping.

If the entire additional Chinese purchases are realized, China may become the largest purchaser of Japanese steel goods for this fiscal 1976, even topping America, traditionally the most important customer for the industry, the sources said.

The Soviet inquiries so far received involve 500,000 tons of steel goods, chiefly steel piping of one meter or larger caliber for hauling oil or natural gas needed under Moscow's Siberian development program, the sources added.

The Japanese authorities have decided to extend credit from their Export-Import bank.

Italian leaders discuss plans to rescue the lira
ROME, Feb. 3 (AFP). — Italian Premier Aldo Moro today held an emergency meeting to deal with the further drop in the lira, whose depreciation since the start of last month's political crisis has now reached 12 per cent.

The situation of the Italian currency was considered likely to affect the drafting of an economic plan which Mr. Moro was to present to the socialists with a view to formation of a new government.

The premier was scheduled to meet socialist party leader Francesco de Martino later today.

to the Communist countries on a priority basis.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said Japan was hoping to increase plant exports fourfold.

Various Communist nations had just launched into their new five year plans and needed factories. Petrochemical and electric power plants were among sectors where Japan could compete well.

A fourfold rise in plant exports would take the 1976 figure to \$4,000 million.

The USSR, East Europe, China and Cuba were placing orders with advanced countries for plant and materials.

Negotiations had taken place in a wide variety of branches ranging from steel and off-shore drilling equipment to lathes and truck plants.

Export-Import bank credit is seen as a major factor in beating competition from West Germany, Britain, France and elsewhere.

At the same time the Communist nations needed funds other than from the Euro-dollar market.

The \$4,000 million figure for 1976 covering exports to Communist countries is one-third of the overall export figure for industrial plant.

Action needed for strict conduct code for multinationals

BONN, Feb. 2 (AFP). — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt today urged the speeding up of efforts to draw up a code of conduct for multinational companies.

He told a symposium that brought together representatives of several European multinationals that he regretted the slow progress made towards agreement on such a code and the fact that such firms had themselves not put forward any concrete proposals.

Heinz Oskar Vetter, Chairman of the DGB, the West German Trade Union Confederation, urged a more active state control and a strengthening of Trade Union influence in multinational enterprises.

Mr. Vetter expressed the view that a "code of conduct" that simply reflected the "good intentions" of such companies would be insufficient binding international norms were needed, he said.



HI-LEVEL CAT NAP. — During a session of the Japanese Lower House Budget Committee meetings on Monday, Prime Minister Mikl (left) and his Chief Cabinet Secretary took full advantage of an especially dull report to prepare themselves for later questions from the opposition. (AP wirephoto).

Decision time for America over her economic relations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AFP). — The U.S. government will be reaching a number of decisions in the next three months or so that will indicate the pattern of future economic relations between the United States and other industrial countries.

Next Wednesday, the government will say "Yes or No" to the landing of the supersonic airliner Concorde in this country.

The decision, announced by Transportation Secretary William Coleman, will be followed by two others between now and May.

The Anglo-French Concorde affair is certainly the most spectacular of the three decisions, but it is not necessarily the most important economically.

The first place the matter concerns only two of America's trading partners. And if the plane is banned from U.S. airports, any reprisals would no doubt come from professional or trade union sources rather than from the governments concerned.

The second decision relates to special steel imports quotas, and the third concerns compensatory customs duties on imported automobiles.

Two weeks ago the foreign trade commission recommended that imported special steels be subjected to a quota level 10 per cent below the figure for American consumption.

President Ford is scheduled to give a ruling on this in about six weeks from now. If he rejects the recommendation, Congress will have the right to over-rule him.

In this election year, Congress is in a rather protectionist mood.

Next May, the Treasury will decide about custom levels on imported cars. Particularly those from Western Europe and Japan.

The Treasury's chief customs expert, David MacDonald said last Aug. that he did not think these imports were hurting American makers.

However in Sept. the Foreign Trade Commission came out with a contrary view. It as-

New York businessmen favour Concorde trial

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AFP). — The Franco-British supersonic air, liner Concorde should undergo a six-month test at Kennedy airport here, the New York Board of Trade considers today.

Holmes Brown, President of the leading businessmen's organization, said: "we believe that the controversy surrounding the use of the new jetliner can be resolved only by an actual test under normal operating condition."

Gilbert Robinson, another board of trade member, put it this way: "if you're going to test (Concorde) any place, New York, the commercial centre of the world, is the only fair test area."

The board said that the test would enable the noise factor and New York businessmen's interest in Concorde to be ascertained.

New York, it said, offered an exceptional concentration of international travellers, who constituted a first-rate market for the airliner.

The Secretary of Transport William Coleman is due to announce on Wednesday whether or not Concorde can land in the United States.

It was learned in London that British Airways' Concorde had 39 passengers when it flew off to Bahrain today on its third commercial flight. Its maximum payload is 100 passengers.

ked the Treasury to continue its investigations, and decide whether or not there really was a "dumping" operation going on by the foreign manufacturers.

If the Treasury concludes that there is, then compensatory customs may be imposed.

But observers who have been following this matter are of the opinion that the Treasury is unlikely to lean this way.

If it does, Transatlantic relations can be expected to suffer, these observers believe.

This, in turn, would have an effect on the multinational peace negotiations currently in progress in Geneva.

Experts predict currency realignment soon

Zurich, Feb. 3 (AFP). — The bolts which have rocked the foreign exchanges over the past two weeks may lead to a new de facto currency realignment, Swiss experts say.

They see clear evidence that central banks are now in a better position to master flows of capital and to weigh on exchange rates.

Events of the last two weeks also demonstrated that the inter-relationship of a number of currencies has been unrealistic in recent months.

The speculative pressures against the Italian lira, which reached a new low on the market here yesterday, and the pressures that built up against the French franc several days ago pushed the West German mark up to a more realistic level reflecting the strength of the West German economy.

The mark had been clearly under-valued for some time, the experts say.

As for the French franc, they say the crisis demonstrated the basic strength of the French currency.

In the view of these experts, the Bank of France was able to mobilise considerable means to break the back of speculation against the franc without too much difficulty. The French Central Bank was yesterday again buying dollars on the market in order to maintain a satisfactory relationship with the Deutsche mark.

Swiss experts also said the Swiss franc had been over-valued, but thanks to the crisis and the firming up of the West German currency a fairer relationship has now been established.

Russia denies having any economic problems

MOSCOW, Feb. 2 (AFP). — Boris Sukharevski, the Vice-Chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Labor and Salaries, today denied any possibility of an economic crisis in the Soviet Union, Tass news agency reported.

Mr Sukharevski said there "was not and could never be an economic crisis in the Socialist countries," which were increasing production yearly on a planned and continuous basis.

Another German bank returns its licence

MUNICH, Feb. 2 (AFP). — A small Munich bank, Bankhaus Otto Dierks und Co., ceased its operations today and returned its licence unconditionally to the West Berlin-based Federal Banking control office.

The bank, which had a turnover of about 27 million Deutsche marks and private deposits worth 13 million marks which will be reimbursed to the owners, was said to have been hit by financial difficulties after closure by the banking control office last month of another West German bank, the Pfalz Kreditbank, following "risky" operations.

Bankhaus Otto Dierks had close relations with the Pfalz Kreditbank which had repeatedly supported the Munich bank.

Some 50 smaller banks have folded in West Germany since the resounding collapse of the Herstatt bank in June 1974.

Banking legislation was tightened up as a result of this incident and the association of banks established a mutual aid fund which has made it possible to cushion the effects of bankruptcies among smaller private banks.

published which reflects the fact that the Swiss economy is still in the throes of recession.

In the final analysis, the dollar was the hardest hit by the developments on the markets over the past two weeks, because of a combination of factors working against it.

Zurich experts predict a continuing weakening of the pound sterling and a moderate falling off of the dollar in coming weeks. They expect the West German currency to continue its trend, pulling up the D

British price figures show encouraging trends

The continuing success of Britain's battle against inflation is reflected in the December retail price index, which shows a year-on-year fall for the fourth month in succession.

The December all-items index was 24.9 per cent above the index for December 1974. The year-on-year figure has fallen steadily since August last year when it peaked at 26.9 per cent.

The Index for items other than food liable to seasonal changes in price is now running at an annual rate of 14.2 per cent, compared with about 35 per cent last June.

The all items index rose by 1.2 per cent between November and December, but the main causes of this increase were a rise in the price of imported oil and higher prices for potatoes, which yielded a poor harvest last year—both factors beyond the Government's control.

There are now unmistakable signs that the national wage restraint policy introduced last July is beginning to show its effect. The rate of year price increases, according to an economic correspondent.

Inevitably, there is a lag between the start of a restraint programme and a reduction in the rate of price increases—inflation—but the interval now seems to be drawing to a close.

It is felt that wage increases are no longer the dominant cost pressure behind manufacturers' price increases, as is now beginning to be reflected in the shops.

The December year-on-year all-items index increase of 24.9 per cent was the lowest since January 1974. The annual rate for this index ranged over the past six months from a high of 26.9 per cent to a low of 24.9 per cent.

This index, since it is a seasonal food price fluctuation which are the main component in retail prices, ought to give a good indication of price trends.

The latest figures are evidence that the rate of inflation is gradually but firmly put in check. The Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr Denis Healey a recent letter to the International Monetary Fund, said: "The fact that the Government's counter-inflation has been generally successful and the marked fall in the rate of price increases in months, together give grounds for confidence that the year-on-year rate in retail prices below 1 per cent by the end of 1976 is achievable."

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● TOKYO. — Chinese plans to export oil to Japan through Caltex, Exxon and other companies has caused an adverse reaction from the Japanese government and oil interests.

The Japanese have asked China to abandon its plans for using the oil majors.

● BESANCON, EASTERN, FRANCE. — A total of 218 watchmaking factories in the Doubs department will close Tuesday to protest against what they regard as favoritism to the reformed former Lip company, now the Societe Europeenne d'Horlogerie, reliable sources said.

Nearly 12,000 workers will be given a paid day off. Shopkeepers will lower their shutters symbolically and town halls will be shut, the sources said.

● LONDON. — Although the number of tankers laid up or intended for lay-up at the end of January decreased by eight compared with end-December, the tonnage rose by 2.2 million dwt, or 4.7 per cent, to 1.4 million tons, E. A. Gibbs London shipbrokers, said in their latest survey.

● NEW DELHI. — The meeting of the Indo-U.S. business council began today-day deliberations to explore the possibility of Indian corporate participation in India's economic development expansion of trade and trial collaboration in World countries.

The council is being led by a 23-member American team.

● LONDON. — A big Bank, the First National Bank, is to put \$ 35 million at the disposal of International Computers Limited ICL. ICL launched a new series of computers last year, is already receiving assistance from major banks in this country and Midland.

New Royal Court Complex

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

- 1 — The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan expects to invite bids in spring, 1976 from pre-qualified contractors for the construction of the New Royal Court Complex which is located near the Hussein Medical City. Pre-qualification is open to Jordanian contractors classified by the Ministry of Public Works as first class contractors for buildings, or any internationally qualified contractors or joint-venture between international and any Jordanian contractors.
- 2 — The work includes the following (with approximate quantities):
 - a. Total covered areas of buildings, 40,000 sq.meters.
 - b. Pathways and other unclosed areas 7,000 sq.meters.
 - c. Streets and parking areas 20,000 sq.meters.
 - d. All associated General Services.
- 3 — Interested contractors should submit their data relevant to the following alternatives:
 - (i) To bid for the construction of the project on the basis of monthly payments based on actual work done.
 - (ii) To bid for the construction of this project with partial or complete finance by the contractor.
- 4 — Contractors interested in bidding for this Project may obtain the "Pre-qualification Questionnaire" from the Tenders Section at Ministry of Public Works, Amman. This form should be completed and submitted in three (3) copies with any other relevant data addressed to:

H.E. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS
P.O. BOX 1220 AMMAN, JORDAN.

This submission should be received not later than 12.00 noon on Saturday, 28 February 1976.
- 5 — The plans of the required work are available for inspection at the Ministry of Public Works, Amman, Jordan.
- 6 — The Government of Jordan will notify Contractors who have been successfully qualified to bid for the work and supply them with information regarding the preparation of bids. Reasons for rejection of applicants for pre-qualification will not be given.

Flurry of fashion and fun finishes

embassy for child welfare projects in Jordan.

The Fur Fashion Show last week was especially exciting for the Al-Husseini Society and



Mr. Birger Christensen, introducing his furs to the Amman audience.

for all those who attended and took part.

"I am delighted naturally, to find the weather in Amman so cold—matched by the warmth of our reception here," said Mr. Birger Christensen, Denmark's leading furrier, before leaving Amman Sunday.

"Jordan's hospitable welcome began the moment my four models and I stepped onto the Alia aircraft in Copenhagen, and I have nothing but praise for the organisers of our stay here, including the excellent security arrangements for my collection of furs which is insured for 1/4 million dollars."

Sports City was indeed a glittering social occasion last Thursday night with about 350 guests at the Gala banquet, enhanced by the Glam of George

Jensen silver on display and the tables of Denmark's finest porcelain, the distinctive Royal Copenhagen Porcelain. Raff- le prizes included perfumes and other luxury items donated by local stores, first prize being a lady's Omega evening watch valued JD 500.

The Fur Fashion Parade introduced to Amman a totally new look in furs, a natural sleek tailored look, achieved mainly by the use of suede in panels on the inside of the sleeves and the sides of the coats, getting rid of that bulky look. Coats and capes had a swinging supple effect, and new techniques of dyeing mink with matching fox collars has produced some glorious colours, mahogany, gunmetal, bottle green and shimmering blue. "My grandfather, who started the firm in 1869 would have been horrified at the thought of dyeing Danish mink," Mr. Christensen said, "but I know he would approve of these coats." The

appreciative audiences on both occasions certainly did—from the lynx fur, rare Canadian fox, broadtail and sables, racoon, nutria and shaved seal skins to the minks, pastel and violet and the newest mutations of jaguar mink—culminating in the fairy-tale white mink evening coat, the star of the House of Christensen show.



Sissel here models dyed mink coat with a matching fur collar.



THE GRAND FINALE: the four models show Christensen's idea of what one should wear

Vanishing Act



"TIDY" PLASTIC. — A new type of carrier bag disintegrates when buried in the ground. Developer is holding one of the new bags — made from the material called "Bioplastic" and a dish containing the remnants of a similar bag that has been buried for a trial period. The material has between 10 and 40 per cent of its volume replaced by starch which means that the plastic breaks down harmlessly when it is buried.

Tonight's TV Features

LUCY SHOW

Lucy the Meter Maid
Lucy tries being a traffic policewoman. She gives a speeding ticket to her friend Vivian. Trouble follows.
7:00 on both channels

TOP SECRET LIFE OF INSPECTOR BRIGGS

The Defector
Briggs and his men pursue a British national trying to escape to the Soviet Union. Surprises are waiting for them.
8:30 on channel 6

THE SHADOW OF THE TOWER

Crowning of Apes
Henry's enemies crown an impostor child as Edward and prepare an army to fight him. Henry defeats them in battle.
9:00 on channel 6

KOJAC

A Long Time From Times Square
Kojac entrusted in bringing to court a star witness faces difficulties from the witness's accomplices.
10:15 on both channels

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 In — (synchronous)
- 5 Physical exam measurement: Abbr.
- 7 "And forgive — our debts"
- 9 Whelm
- 13 "The Last of the Mohicans" heroine
- 14 Break out in a rash
- 16 All: Comb. form
- 17 Dye
- 18 Vacation vessel
- 19 Will of "The Waltons"
- 20 Cut and run
- 22 Invigorate
- 24 Silent screen sex symbol
- 26 Start the card game
- 27 Crosspatch
- 31 Timorous
- 35 River of Mongolia
- 36 Discard goddess
- 38 Hersey bell town
- 39 Excess to take off: Abbr.
- 40 Subject of Blake poem

- 42 Ladies in white: Abbr.
- 43 Shaw
- 46 Begetter
- 47 Words of recognition
- 48 " — Rides Again"
- 50 Lorelei
- 52 Fly high
- 54 Marsh bird
- 55 Aboveboard
- 59 Kind of diplomacy
- 63 Sitting duck
- 64 Fuming
- 66 Harold Hughes' state
- 67 Within: Comb. form
- 68 "Guernica", for one
- 69 A.K.a. All
- 70 Mottled, as wood
- 71 Article
- 72 Letter addendum
- 73 Utters
- 1 Relative of the pompano
- 2 Color quality
- 3 — the Red

- 47 Printing preference
- 49 City of Washington
- 51 Country club character
- 53 Summer TV program
- 55 "Deutschland — Alles"
- 56 A thou-shalt-not
- 57 Guise
- 58 — es Salaam
- 60 The girl who gets what she wants
- 61 Not in
- 62 Aldo and manta
- 65 Faucet
- 25 Abductor of myth
- 27 Greens collection
- 28 18th-century card game
- 29 Oxidizes
- 30 Toe
- 32 Reduce a sentence
- 33 — sanctum
- 34 Amounts given
- 37 Withers
- 41 Does the place over
- 44 Postpartum proud pronunciation: 3 wds.
- 45 Cupid



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AMMAN COMMUNITY THEATER
Meeting to discuss interest in first production
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Additional shows on Friday & Sunday 10.30am

Radio

(ON 88 KHZ)

- 7.00 Breakfast show
- 7.30 News Bulletin
- 7.45 News Reports
- 8.00 Sign Off
- 12.00 Pop session part I
- 13.00 News Summary
- 13.05 Pop session part II
- 14.00 News Bulletin
- 14.10 Radio Magazine
- 14.30 Melody time
- 15.00 Classical Music
- 15.30 Light instrumentals
- 16.00 Old Favorites
- 16.30 Easy Listening
- 17.00 Studio one
- 18.00 News Summary
- 18.05 Listener's Choice
- 18.30 Science Report
- 18.45 Music
- 19.00 News Bulletin
- 19.10 News Reports
- 19.30 Sign Off

Exchange

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|----------------|---------------|
| U.S. Dollar | 329-331 |
| Swiss Franc | 670-676 |
| D. Mark | 127.8-128 |
| Fr Franc | 74-74.3 |
| Swiss Franc | 126.5-127.2 |
| Lebanese Pound | 133.8-136 |
| Irani Dinar | 897-907 |
| Syrian Pound | 85.9-88 |
| Egyptian Pound | 477-487 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 1110.5-1120.5 |
| Libyan Dinar | 695-711 |

Market Prices

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|---------------------|---------|
| Apples (Double Red) | 180-230 |
| Apples (Golden) | 140-180 |
| Apples (Starkins) | 150-190 |
| Beets | 50-80 |
| Bell Pepper | 90-120 |
| Bananas | 140-170 |
| Cabbage | 25-40 |
| Cauliflower | 20-35 |
| Chestnuts | 280-320 |
| Carrots (Yellow) | 60-80 |
| Coconut (each) | 140-180 |
| Carrots (Black) | 60-80 |
| Cucumbers (Small) | 200-280 |
| Cucumbers (Large) | 120-150 |
| Eggplant (Large) | 50-80 |
| Eggplant (Small) | 70-100 |
| Garlic | 30-80 |
| Grapefruit | 35-50 |
| Hot Pepper | 160-210 |
| Horse Beans | 140-180 |
| Lemon | 80-120 |
| Marrow (Small) | 200-240 |
| Marrow (Large) | 100-150 |
| Mandarines | 160-220 |
| Onions | 120-150 |
| Oranges (French) | 60-80 |
| Oranges (Navel) | 100-130 |
| Oranges (Local) | 60-80 |
| Potatoes (Local) | 90-120 |
| Potatoes (Imported) | 70-80 |
| Potatoes (Sweet) | 50-70 |
| Pomatoes | 90-120 |
| Peas | 280-320 |
| String Beans | 150-190 |
| Spinach | 30-50 |
| Tangerines | 50-70 |

Tonight's Emergencies

- DOCTORS:
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TAXIS:
Jerusalem (39535)
Shamsi (21523)
Fayal (22051)

Horoscope

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20). The New Moon calls for reassessment of your financial position. Seek a more enlightened view of what constitutes security.
TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21). The New Moon could bring insight into a mysterious or previously unexplained matter. You work well with other people now; talents can be shared profitably.
GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21). The New Moon can be a favorable influence for making new beginnings. Your energy level should be quite high.
CANCER: (June 22 - July 22). The New Moon brings an influential friend into your life. You can divert your resources toward an altruistic objective. Take action to improve business income.
LEO: (July 23 - Aug. 23). The New Moon may enlighten you regarding a health problem or open a new work assignment. It is a good day for travel and for the promotion of humanitarian projects.
VIRGO: (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23). News of some importance to

you personally is likely. Consider it carefully. A good Mercury aspect suggests you take a trip or a test.
LIBRA: (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23). The New Moon encourages new alignments, contracts, entry into contests. Shared experiences are best, but compatibility may be lacking. Show off your mate's talents.
SCORPIO: (Oct. 24 - Nov. 23). The New Moon is an excellent influence for clearing up disagreements or making compromises with people who may have distrusted you. Works secretly if possible.
SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21). The New Moon could indicate a new beginning in an important area. The odds for success in romance, creativity and entertaining are high. Keep very active now.
CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20). The New Moon gets you off dead center where your career and reputation are concerned. Accept an opportunity to move into a commanding position. All changes are good.

new opportunity, especially where education or travel is concerned.
Amman Airport
DEPARTURES:
8.50 Agaba
8.45 Beirut, (M.E.A.)
10.35 Athens, Amsterdam (K.L.M.)
10.45 Bucharest (Taron) 11.00 Cairo
12.00 London
12.00 London
18.30 Cairo (E.A.)
18.40 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (G.A.)
19.00 Kuwait, Dhamran, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Baghdad (I.A.)
ARRIVALS:
8.20 Muscat, Doha
8.30 Agaba
9.15 Jeddah
9.30 Bucharest (Taron) 16.45 Cairo
17.20 Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (G.A.)
17.30 Cairo, Madrid, Casablanca, Athens
17.35 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva
18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)
18.45 Baghdad (I.A.)

Sadat says U.S. tacitly ready to recognise PLO

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (R). — President Anwar Sadat said in an interview here today that he had tacit agreement from the United States to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

In an interview with the Lebanese weekly magazine *Al-Hawadess*, published by the Cairo daily newspaper *Al-Ahram*, President Sadat said he had "more than a pledge from the United States to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but I am not in a position to reveal it."

Sadat said the American assurances given to him had their roots in a deal with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last February when the Secretary visited the Middle East to prepare the ground for a second Egyptian-Israeli military disengagement in Sinai.

"Last February... there was an agreement between me and Kissinger but I do not feel free to announce it yet," Sadat said.

He charged the PLO was "helpless" in its anti-Egyptian position. "It is clear that the PLO is under complete Syrian guardianship," he said.

A Syrian refusal to attend a reconvened Arab-Israeli peace conference at Geneva "will not change anything," he said, "whereas if Egypt refuses to go to Geneva there will be no conference."

Egypt has been urging resumption of the conference by the end of next June to start negotiations for an overall settlement.

The Egyptian President said he supported any prospect of unity between Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians if there was real effort towards this. "However not a single Arab believing in unity can accept

Jordanian Cabinet

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The 60-member Lower House — the House of Representatives — was first elected in 1967, and its mandate was extended in 1971 because of impossibility of holding elections on the West Bank, captured by Israel in the June 1967 war.

The daily *Al Ra'i* said Monday that King Hussein was anxious to fill the vacuum in the "legitimacy of representation" of West Bank Arabs at a time when the Israeli authorities were trying to set up an autonomous administration in the territory.

Prime Minister Zeid Rifai paid lightning visits to Damascus and Riyadh over the past three days, reportedly to brief President Hafez Assad and King Khalid on the Jordanian moves.

Authoritative sources disclosed today that the Jordanian authorities had decided to dissolve the Arab National Union, the country's only legal political organisation.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government bonds moved lower on profit-taking but the fall was somewhat overdone. Net falls among long dated loans ranged to 1/4 point while shorts lost up to 1/4.

Equities followed bonds easier and at 1500 hrs the F.T. index was off 2.8 to 409.5.

Gold shares were firmer than of late helped by the rise in the bullion price and some overseas interest, dealers said. Heavyweight issues showed gains of over a point.

Dollar stocks eased and Australians were occasionally mixed.

Leading industrials ended slightly easier on balance after an irregular trend. Losses of 2p to 4p were seen in Unilever, Metal Box, Beecham, Tube Investments, AP Cement and Bowater.

Bats ended 4p up after increased profits while EMI gained 3p on news that its U.S. subsidiary, Capitol Industries, had improved sales in the December quarter.

Oils were between 2p and 5p easier and in quiet banks, Lloyds and National Westminster lost 3p and 5p respectively.



MOTHER NATURE'S CAR WASH. — The capital city of Maine, Bangor, in the North East United States, was struck by such high tides and flash floods on Monday, that over 100 cars were trapped in the downtown area.

Zaire opts for cautious Angola policy

KINSHASA, Feb. 3, (AFP). — Zairese President Mobutu Sese Seko today told UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi today that he would not allow mercenaries bound for Angola to transit through Zaire, according to reliable sources here.

General Mobutu was also planning to issue similar instructions regarding mercenaries enlisting with the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA), the sources said.

In a related development, the Central African Republic has promised to put its troops at the disposal of Zaire in the event of a new attack by Soviet-armed Angolan forces on Zaire's border localities, President Mobutu Sese Seko said here after a 24-hour meeting with Central African President Marshal Jean Bedel Bokassa.

Marshal Bokassa said he intended to go personally to the town of Dilolo on the border with Angola to see damage caused by recent shelling of road and rail installations. The date of his planned visit was not specified.

Before leaving Mbandaka (Zaire) for home, Marshal Bokassa added that he would lodge a complaint about the shelling with the United Nations Security Council. Zaire has already done so.

During the coming week, President Mobutu will have a series of other meetings as part of Zaire's efforts to encourage a settlement in Angola.

Afars and Issas

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The kidnapping was linked with forced deportations and population movements being carried out by the French authorities, observers said.

In the past few weeks since the discovery of arms caches, police harassment and systematic searches of the city's African quarters have become frequent.

The shantytown's occupants, said to be foreigners, were put in trucks or railway wagons and taken to the Somali of Ethiopian frontiers.

The French have air, naval and taken to the Somali or area totalling 6,000 men. In recent months, the French reinforced their garrison there with jet aircraft, missile-launching vessels and marines. Two French submarines have been ordered into the Red Sea and Indian Ocean for the first time in French naval history.

The territory of the Afars and Issas, formerly known as French Somaliland, has two big neighbours, Ethiopia and Somalia, which appear ready to pounce and annex the land, according to officials here.

C. A. R. president escapes assassination

PARIS, Feb. 3, (AFP). — President-for-life of the Central African Republic, Marshal Kébé Bokassa, narrowly escaped assassination today at Bangui Airport, informed sources said here.

He was about to leave for a hunting trip when three men, all reportedly members of the country's armed forces, hurled a grenade in his direction, the sources said.

President Bokassa was saved by a bodyguard who threw him to the ground, the sources added. Two of the would-be assassins were reportedly killed and the third seriously wounded.

According to the sources, one member in the Bokassa entourage was killed and another wounded in the grenade explosion. The president was uninjured.

He reportedly called off his trip and summoned all the country's police commissioners and civil servants. He also asked the Bangui diplomatic corps to curtail travelling in the city.

Bangui was calm, the sources said, and the airport had been reopened to traffic after being closed earlier in the day.

Marshal Bokassa, who will be 55 years old on February 22, served with the French army for 23 years until 1962, when he founded the army of the Central African Republic, of which he became Chief of Staff in 1964.

On new year's 1965, he seized power. Named president-for-life on March 2, 1972, and a marshal on May 19, 1974, he holds all executive power in the country, which has not constitution or parliament and where he rules by decree.

Kissinger warns

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ference to the Soviet-Cuban "foothold" was the clearest admission yet by an administration official of the defeat of pro-Western forces in Angola, observers said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet delegate to the Angolan International Solidarity Conference in Luanda dismissed the idea of forming a government of national unity between the MPLA and its rivals, the FNLA (National Front) and UNITA (Independence Union).

Speaking during the second day of the special conference here of the Organisation of Solidarity for African and Asian Peoples, Mr Dzasoskhov said the "protectors" of FNLA leader Holden Roberto and the head of UNITA, Jonas Savimbi, were advocating a national union government only because the "aggressors" of Angola were about to be driven out of the territory for good.

Jakarta threatens to sink U.N. envoy's ship

JAKARTA, Feb. 3, (AFP). — Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik warned here today that a ship carrying United Nations Envoy Vittorio Guicciardi risked being sunk if it attempted to penetrate disputed areas of East Timor.

At the same time, Radio Dili, monitored here, reported that pro-Indonesian authorities in the Timorese capital had ordered their forces to fire on any ship or aircraft passing through or approaching east Timor's territorial waters or air space.

Mr Guicciardi is on a U.N. fact-finding mission with a Security Council mandate to meet with all parties involved in the East Timor struggle.

He had made several unsuccessful attempts to contact the pro-Independence Fretilin (Timorese Revolutionary Front) Movement on the island when Portugal agreed to provide a navy corvette from Darwin, Australia, for his trip to Fretilin-controlled zones.

Mr Guicciardi has already had extensive meetings with Indonesian officials and with the pro-Indonesian authorities who set up in Dili when a late December incursion by pro-Indonesian forces forced the Fretilin to withdraw to the mountains.

Radio Dili quoted the Chief Executive of the Provisional East Timor Government, Arnaldo Araujo, as saying the order to open fire on ships and aircraft was issued to ensure the security of newly liberated areas.

Mr Araujo was further quoted as saying that he could not guarantee the safety of Mr Guicciardi for a visit to areas "allegedly still under Fretilin control."

Indonesian Foreign Minister Malik, meanwhile, told newsmen in Jakarta that he believed

ed the U.N. Envoy would transfer from the Portuguese corvette to a smaller boat in Fretilin-held territory.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nana Sutresna rejected a "surd" charges by Portugal that Indonesia was interfering with Mr Guicciardi's mission, countering that Jakarta hoped the envoy in all possible ways.

New EOKA in Cyprus?

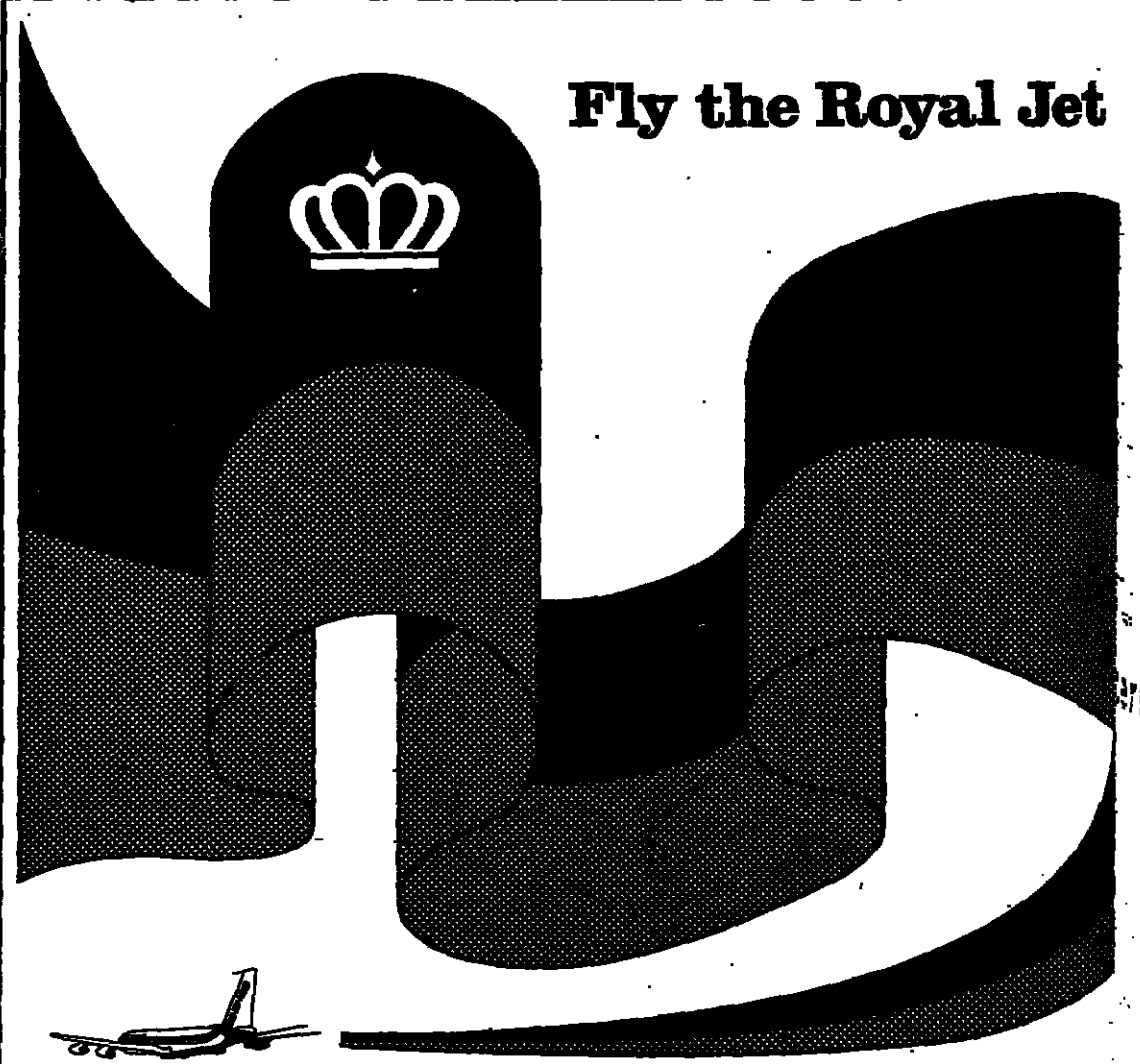
NICOSIA, Feb. 3, (AP). — Cypriot military authorities today ordered an all-out search of the island to locate a number of weapons stored in mysterious circumstances several national guard the Greek Cypriot daily *eftheros* reported here.

Government circles said to be very concerned out the arms thefts, rep fearing the weapons were by members of a new Cypriot terrorist organisation based in Limassol.

Meanwhile, a new daily, *Si Simerini* (today reported in its first edition that Turkish Cypriot authorities had begun transferring quarters to the new of Famagusta.

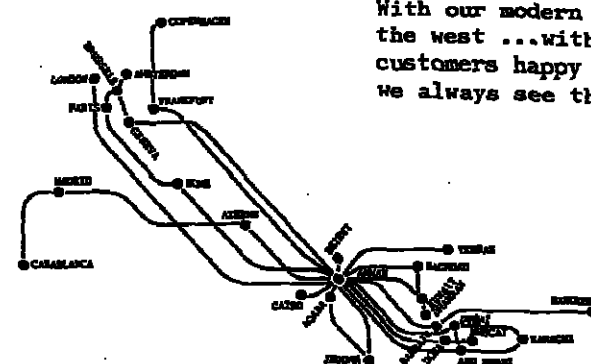
Famagusta, on the south part of the island, is to the capital of the Turkish Cypriot federal state, the said.

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